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### **DISASTER ASSISTANCE AND RECOVERY CENTER TO OPEN IN KAILUA-KONA FOR PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY THE HONSHU, JAPAN TSUNAMI**

**Honolulu-** A Disaster Assistance and Recovery Center (DARC) will be established in Kailua-Kona to provide information and services to people and businesses whose property was damaged by the March 11, 2011, Honshu (Tohoku), Japan Tsunami. The DARC is provided as a service to the affected community; a visit to the DARC is not a requirement to receive disaster assistance.

**Location and hours for the DARC are:**

**Tuesday, March 29, and Wednesday, March 30, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Old Kona Airport Events Pavilion – 75-5530 Kuakini Highway, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740**

Agencies (including State and county agencies and non-governmental organizations) supporting the DARC will provide information about their available services and assistance. The following agencies are anticipated to support the DARC at the Old Kona Airport:

- **Hawaii State Civil Defense** – General information and DARC Coordination
- **Department of Health** – Environmental health (water quality, restaurant permits) guidance
- **Taxation** – Providing information on possible disaster tax relief
- **Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs** – Answering questions and/or complaints regarding insurance policies
- **Department of Labor and Industrial Relations** – State's unemployment program
- **Department of Land and Natural Resources** – Small boat harbor and Kailua-Kona pier information
- **Department of Transportation** – General information
- **Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism** – Providing information on the State's commercial and personal loan program
- **Department of Human Services** – Taking applications for assistance programs
- **Hawaii County Mayor's Office**
- **Hawaii County Public Works** – Drainage, streams, streets, road concerns
- **Hawaii County Environmental Management**
- **Hawaii County Planning Department** – Information on disaster related permit waivers
- **Pacific Disaster Center** – Mapping support and graphics
- **Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (East Hawaii Chapter)**
- **American Red Cross** – Emergency assistance for individuals and families
- **Salvation Army** – Disaster clean up services for seniors and those with special needs
- **Catholic Charities** – Information and Services

**If you have any questions regarding the recovery effort and cannot visit the DARC, or would like to report damage to your home (including personal recreational boats) or business, please contact Hawaii State Civil Defense at 855-211-7456.**

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